

# Safety Web Page Changes Focus for Carrier Sailors



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The USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) safety department is using the ship's intranet to improve customer service and more efficiently distribute safety and environmental information to shipmates. With so much work now centered around computers, what better way to pass the word? The carrier also is offering to share this success with the fleet.

We looked at our current web page and determined it was, at best, mediocre and needed a major upgrade. After six months of work, the web page now seemingly has taken a life of its own.

Since the upgrade, what initially was a small project has become a full-time job: managing and regularly updating site information. However, it has been well worth the effort. The information we collect benefits the crew and the safety department Sailors. We now have an abundance of safety and

environmental information at our fingertips, which enables us to give customers accurate and timely answers to questions.

We also have concentrated on shifting our role from being “enforcers” to focusing on providing superior customer service and training resources to shipmates. Any safety department bears the primary responsibility of reducing workplace mishaps by educating crew members. Aboard *Nimitz*, we believe a crew educated about safety and mishap-prevention will be more conscious about how they work. This awareness will help preserve our most precious resource: the Sailor. Our website has become integral to providing much-needed education materials and information to shipmates.

Specifically, we have PowerPoint presentations, safety links, a list of all divisional and air-wing safety petty officers, a “safety petty officer in the spotlight,” safety forms, MSDSs for commonly used shipboard material, minutes from enlisted safety-committee meetings, our baseline industrial hygiene survey, an operational risk management page, video clips, and much more.

The site also provides information about aviation safety, asbestos, back injuries, electrical safety, environmental issues, ergonomics, gas-free engineering, hazard abatement, hazmat control, and many more topics.

Our door always is open for helping shipmates, but with the updated and expanded website, gathering safety and environmental information is only a few mouse-clicks away. This saves workcenters valuable time and contributes to workplace efficiency. We in the safety department also want to instill in our shipmates a positive attitude toward implementing safety measures.

We feel our web page easily could be adapted to any ship class. For our shipmates throughout the fleet who are interested in initiating a similar site for their command, a CD-ROM version of the *Nimitz* site is available by e-mailing [safetylcpo@nimitz.navy.mil](mailto:safetylcpo@nimitz.navy.mil). ☺